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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO: 10/619,344

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FOR: INTRODUCTION OF BLOOD VESSEL FORMATION THROUGH
ADMINISTRATION OF POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING
SPHINGOSINE KINASES

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of October 13, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on November 13, 2006. A four-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1590 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,



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